

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE TORRANCE TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Traffic Commission convened in a regular meeting at 7:02 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Siani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Sargent, Siani, Tsao, Walter,
and Chairperson Rudolph.

Absent: None.

Also Present: Engineering Manager Semaan.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Walter moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. Commissioner Siani seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: APRIL 2, 2012

MOTION: Commissioner Sargent moved for the approval of the April 2, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Siani seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

It was noted that the March 5, 2012 Commission meeting minutes would be available for approval at the June 4, 2012 Commission meeting.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

None.

7. ITEMS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Chairperson Rudolph explained the policies and procedures of the Traffic Commission, including the right to appeal decisions to City Council.

7a. NOMINATION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Engineering Manager Semaan stated that he did not know when City Council would be appointing new Commissioners to fill vacancies and asked Commissioners to decide if they want to go ahead with nominations. He mentioned that it has not been the practice of the Commission to elect newly appointed Commissioners for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Walter nominated Chairperson Rudolph and Vice-Chairperson Walter for a second term of office.

It was consensus of Commissioners to make nominations for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson separately. Commissioner Walter stated that he did not want to be Chairperson due to his possible absences in the future.

Commissioner Walter nominated Chairperson Rudolph for Chairperson; Commissioner Sargent nominated Commissioner Siani for Chairperson.

Chairperson Rudolph was elected Chairperson of the Traffic Commission for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 on a 4-1 roll call vote.

Commissioner Walter nominated Commissioner Sargent for Vice-Chairperson; Commissioner Sargent nominated Commissioner Siani for Vice-Chairperson.

Commissioner Siani was elected Vice-Chairperson of the Traffic Commission effective July 1, 2012 on a 4-1 roll call vote.

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

6a. Engineering Manager Semaan stated that staff is pricing out two scenarios for improvements at Gramercy Avenue and Sepulveda Boulevard. He added that they are also getting input from Police and Fire Departments before bringing the item back to the Commission on June 4, 2012.

6b. Engineering Manager Semaan announced a pre-construction meeting on May 8, 2012 regarding improvements at Hawthorne Boulevard and Skypark Drive, noting that actual construction would take 30 or 45 working days.

6c. Referring to intersection improvements at Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard, Engineering Manager Semaan stated that RFPs soliciting design consultants are due on May 24. He noted that funding was secured from Metro for the design work.

Responding to Chairperson Rudolph's inquiry, he stated that the crosswalk at 242nd Street would eventually be removed by the development as a Condition of Improvement. He noted that the median would be reconnected across 242nd Street to prevent cross traffic.

Commissioner Sargent received clarification that the State owns everything north of Pacific Coast Highway on Hawthorne Boulevard and all of Pacific Coast Highway while the City controls Hawthorne Boulevard south of Pacific Coast Highway.

Commissioner Siani described watching the traffic cameras for Pacific Coast Highway and Hawthorne Boulevard when Commissioners visited Caltrans.

6d. Chairperson Rudolph offered his observation that traffic signals on Hawthorne Boulevard are supposed to be synchronized at 35 mph, but that some parts are actually 40 mph. He suggested installation of electronic changeable message signs stating that the signals are synchronized.

Engineering Manager Semaan concurred that it is important for drivers to know and this may be considered when funds become available.

6e. Engineering Manager Semaan stated that City Council approved signal priority for Torrance Transit buses and that they would be continuing to consider design concepts for the Transit Center on May 15.

6f. Chairperson Rudolph expressed interest in an exclusive bike lane connecting the Transit Center to the Courthouse.

6g. Commissioner Sargent stated that the signal timing at Calle Mayor and Anza Avenue seems to have improved.

6h. Responding to Commissioner Tsao's inquiry, Engineering Manager Semaan advised that the Del Amo Boulevard project is on schedule and that the overpass should open this summer.

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:34 p.m., Commissioner Sargent moved to adjourn the meeting to June 4, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Rudolph so ordered.

Approved as Submitted June 4, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
